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City of Abbeville  
P.O. Box 1170  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70511-1170

Attention:      Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor

Subject:      Draft Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal permit for a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) to prepare sewage sludge into a Class B Biosolids and Land Apply the Class B Biosolids for Beneficial Use.

Dear Mayor Piazza:

The Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal permit with the limitations, monitoring requirements, and special conditions listed in the attached DRAFT PERMIT. The Department prepared the Draft Permit to be in accordance with LAC 33:IX.7301.D.1.a.ii that requires the administrative authority to reissue a Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit to replace the Standard Solid Waste Beneficial Use Permit, P-0354 that was issued to the city of Abbeville on May 24, 2002.

Please note that this is a DRAFT PERMIT only and as such does not grant any authorization to prepare and land apply the Class B Biosolids. Authorization to operate in accordance with this permitting action will only be granted after all requirements described herein are satisfied and by the subsequent issuance of a FINAL PERMIT. Until such time, the city of Abbeville will continue to operate under the Standard Solid Waste Beneficial Use Permit. If a determination is made to issue a Final Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit, the Standard Solid Waste Beneficial Use Permit will be terminated.

This Office will publish a public notice one time in the local newspaper of general circulation, and in the Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice Mailing List. A copy of the public notice containing the specific requirements for commenting to this draft permit action will be sent under separate cover at the time the public notice is arranged. The applicant shall receive and is responsible for paying the invoice(s) from the newspaper(s).

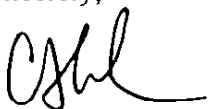
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The Sewage Sludge Use or Disposal regulations are located in Chapter 73 of LAC 33:IX. A copy of Chapter 73 of LAC 33:IX may be accessed directly from the Internet at the Department's Biosolids Internet Site → <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or can be obtained from the DEQ Office of Environmental Assessment, Post Office Box 4314, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4314, (225) 219-3236.

To ensure that all correspondence regarding this permit is properly filed into the Department's Electronic Document Management System, you must reference your Agency Interest Number, AI 20132, TEMPO ID# 20090001, and Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit Number, LAJ0020132, on all future correspondence to the Department.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of the permit, please contact Mr. J. Kilren Vidrine, Office of Environmental Services, Water Permits Division, at the address on the preceding page or telephone (225) 219-3012.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Sonnier Nolan  
 Assistant Secretary

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**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit**

Pursuant to the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, as amended (La. R. S. 30:2001 et seq.), rules and regulations effective or promulgated under the authority of said Act, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made in the application, a Louisiana Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit is issued authorizing

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P.O. Box 1170  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70511-1170

**Type Facility:** Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) - Preparer of Sewage Sludge & Land Applier of a Class B Biosolids

**Location:** The preparation/treatment facility is located at:

1908 East Lafayette Street, Abbeville, Louisiana 70510, Vermilion Parish.

to prepare sewage sludge for subsequent land application of a Class B Biosolids for Beneficial Use in accordance with the conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, & IV of this permit, attached hereto.

This permit shall become effective on

This permit shall expire five (5) years from the effective date of the permit.

Issued on

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Cheryl Sonnier Nolan  
Assistant Secretary

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**Part I**  
**Description of Preparation Facility and Use or Disposal Practice**

The authorization to prepare sewage sludge at the facility owned and operated by the city of Abbeville described in Table I-1 as follows:

TABLE I-1				
GENERATION/PREPARATION/TREATMENT FACILITY				
Outfall	Name of Facility	Location	Preparation/Treatment Process	Type of Biosolids
201	City of Abbeville POTW	1908 East Lafayette Street, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana 70510	Solidification & dewatering/belt press followed by Alkaline Treatment/Lime Stabilization	Class B

The Class B Biosolids are then land applied at the agricultural land application site described in Table I-2 as follows:

TABLE I-2						
LAND APPLICATION SITE						
NAME OF SITE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	PARISH
Joseph W. Falk Site	30° 20' 00"	92° 02' 00"	94	8 S	4 E	Vermilion
Freddie Lemaire, Jr. Site	30° 15' 45"	92° 09' 45"	15,16,21	9 S	3E	Vermilion

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## **Part II Specific Conditions**

### **A. General**

1. This Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit applies only for the preparation of sewage sludge into a Class B Biosolids for the beneficial use of the Class B Biosolids through Land Application.
2. The permittee shall prepare the sewage sludge and land apply the Class B Biosolids in accordance with the provisions set forth in this permit and all other applicable State regulations pertaining to the use or disposal of sewage sludge to protect public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants that may be present in the sewage sludge.
3. Failure to prepare the sewage sludge and land apply the Class B Biosolids in accordance with the Act, the Louisiana Administrative Code, the applicable parts of Title 33, Part IX, or this Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit shall constitute a violation which will subject the Permittee to the possible enforcement action including but not limited to the imposition of civil penalties and to the possible suspension or revocation of this Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit.
4. The preparation of sewage sludge and subsequent land application of the Class B Biosolids through any practice for which requirements have not been established in this Permit will constitute a violation of this Permit.
5. The introduction of sewage sludge that is mixed with grease that was pumped or collected from a Food Service Facility into any part of a treatment works, including its collection system, is prohibited.

### **B. Preparation Facility**

#### **1. Operations and Maintenance Manual**

- a. The Facility Operations and Maintenance Manual shall be updated as needed and kept on-site and readily available to employees and, if requested, to the administrative authority or his/her duly authorized representative.
- b. The Facility Operations and Maintenance Manual must describe, in specific detail, how the sewage sludge will be managed during all phases of the preparation and land application process. At a minimum, the manual shall address the following:

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- Site and project description;
- Regulatory interfaces;
- Process (preparation) management plan;
- Pollutant reduction in the sewage sludge;
- Control of stormwater run-on and runoff;
- Collection and treatment of all washdown water and leachate;
- Pathogen treatment and vector attraction reduction plan;
- Odor management plan;
- Worker health and safety management plan;
- Housekeeping and nuisance management plan;
- Emergency preparedness plan;
- Security, community relations, and public access plan;
- Regulated chemicals (list and location of regulated chemicals kept on-site);
- Monitoring, sampling, recordkeeping, and reporting procedures;
- Product distribution records;
- Site application records;
- Description of how the land application management practices are met.
- Description of how the land application site and soil restrictions are met.
- Operator certification; and
- Administration of the operations and maintenance manual.

## 2. Operational Standards

- a. The facility must include a receiving area, preparing areas, and truck wash area that are located on surfaces capable of preventing groundwater contamination (periodic inspections of the surface shall be made to ensure that the underlying soils and the surrounding land surface are not being contaminated).
- b. All washdown, supernatant, leachate, and other contaminated wastewater associated with the sewage sludge preparation process shall be collected and transported or piped to the headworks of the city of Abbeville's Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- c. All sewage sludge preparation areas shall be protected from any stormwater runoff. If necessary, any stormwater and leachate generated at the preparation area shall be collected and transported or piped to the headworks of the city of Abbeville's Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- d. Provisions shall be made for the daily cleanup of the facility, including equipment and sewage sludge and Biosolids handling areas.
- e. Sufficient equipment shall be provided and maintained at the facility to meet operational needs.

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**3. Odor Management**

- a. The production of odor shall be minimized.
- b. Any processed air produced at the preparation/treatment facility and other sources of odor shall be contained and, if necessary, treated in order to remove odor before discharging to the atmosphere.

**C. Hazardous Sewage Sludge**

1. This Permit does not establish requirements for the use or disposal of sewage sludge that is hazardous under 40 CFR Part 261 and/or LAC 33:Part V.
2. The permittee must take all steps to assure that any material prepared with sewage sludge is non-hazardous in accordance with 40 CFR Part 261 and/or LAC 33:Part V.

**D. Sewage Sludge with High PCB Concentration**

This Permit does not establish requirements for the use or disposal of sewage sludge with a concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) equal to or greater than 50 milligrams per kilogram of total solids (dry weight basis).

**E. Land Application****1. Pollutant Concentrations**

- a. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied to the city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site if the concentration of any pollutant in the Class B Biosolids exceeds the ceiling concentration indicated for the pollutants listed in Table II-1 below.

Table II-1 Ceiling Concentrations	
Pollutant	Ceiling Concentration (milligrams per kilogram)
Arsenic	75
Cadmium	85
Copper	4300
Lead	840
Mercury	57
Molybdenum	75
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	7500
† Dry weight basis	

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b. The concentration for each pollutant in the Class B Biosolids shall not exceed the concentration for the pollutants in Table II-2 below prior to land application at the city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site.

Table II-2	
Pollutant Concentrations	
Pollutant	Monthly Average Concentration (milligrams per kilogram)
Arsenic	41
Cadmium	39
Copper	1500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	2800
Dry weight basis	

2. Pathogens

Pathogen reduction requirements shall be achieved through the Class B Alternative indicated in Table II-3 below:

Table II-3	
PATHOGEN REDUCTION	
NAME OF FACILITY	CLASS B ALTERNATIVE
City of Abbeville Wastewater Treatment Facility	Alternative 2 - As allowed by LAC 33:IX.7309.C.2.c and as described in LAC 33:IX.7399.A.5 (Appendix L)  Lime Stabilization – Sufficient lime is added to the sewage sludge to raise the pH of the sewage sludge to 12 after two hours of contact.



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3. Vector Attraction Reduction

Vector Attraction Reduction requirements shall be achieved through the Procedure indicated in Table II-4 below:

TABLE II-4	
VECTOR ATTRACTION REDUCTION	
NAME OF FACILITY	PROCEDURE
City of Abbeville Wastewater Treatment Facility	<p><b>Alkaline Treatment</b> – As allowed by LAC 33:IX.7309.D.2.d</p> <p>The pH of sewage sludge shall be raised to 12 or higher by alkali addition and, without the addition of more alkali, shall remain at 12 or higher for two hours and then 11.5 or higher for an additional 22 hours.</p>

4. General and Other Management Practices

a. The Class B Biosolids applied at the city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site shall only be applied at a whole Biosolids application rate that is equal to or less than the Agronomic Rate of **6.37 tons/acre/year (dry wt. basis)** at each of the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site.

b. The Class B Biosolids shall be applied to the land in accordance with the slope requirements in Table II-5 below at the city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site:

Table II-5	
Slope Limitations for Land Application of Class B Biosolids	
Slope Percent	Slope Limitations
0-3	None, except drainage to prevent standing water shall be provided.

c. Class B Biosolids having a concentration of PCBs equal to or greater than 10 mg/kg of total solids (dry wt.) must be incorporated into the soil regardless of slope.

d. Class B Biosolids shall only be applied at a distance that is greater than 300 feet from a Private Potable Water Supply at any of the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site.

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e. Class B Biosolids shall only be applied at a distance that is greater than 300 feet from a Public Potable Water Supply (Includes a ground water well, surface water intake, treatment plant, elevated storage, and ground storage tank.) at any of the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site.

f. Class B Biosolids shall only be applied at a distance that is greater than 100 feet from a property boundary at any of the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site.

g. Class B Biosolids shall be applied at a distance that is greater than 200 feet from an established institution at the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site that was permitted under the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Biosolids Permit that was issued on May 24, 2002. For all new or future city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application sites, the Class B Biosolids shall be applied at a distance that is greater than 1,000 feet from an established institution.

h. Class B Biosolids shall be applied at a distance that is greater than 200 feet from an occupied residential home or structure at the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site that was permitted under the Solid Waste Beneficial Use Biosolids Permit that was issued on May 24, 2002. For all new or future city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application sites, the Class B Biosolids shall be applied at a distance that is greater than 500 feet from an occupied residential home or structure.

i. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied to the city of Abbeville's **Lemaire Property** Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site during the months of **December through April** when the water table is less than or at two feet below the soil surface or some form of monitoring device shall be provided to ensure that the annual high water table is greater than two feet below the soil surface during a land application event.

j. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied to the city of Abbeville's **Faulk Property** Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site during the months of **December through May** when the water table is less than or at two feet below the soil surface or some form of monitoring device shall be provided to ensure that the annual high water table is greater than two feet below the soil surface during a land application event.

k. The following must be reviewed and, if necessary, reestablished or recalculated on an annual basis; or, if double cropping is practiced, prior to each crop being planted:

- Agronomic Rate determination
- Spreading/Application rate determination

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l. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied to the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site if the Class B Biosolids is likely to adversely affect a threatened or endangered species listed under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act or its designated critical habitat.

m. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied to any of the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site if the site is flooded, frozen, or snow-covered so that the Class B Biosolids enters a *wetland* or other *waters of the state*, except as provided in a permit issued in accordance with Section 402 or 404 of the CWA.

n. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied 33 feet (10 meters) or less from any *waters of the state* at any of the city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

o. Class B Biosolids shall not be applied to any of the city of Abbeville's Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application site if the Class B Biosolids would affect a property that either is listed on, or is eligible for listing on, the National Historic Register.

#### 5. Site Restrictions

a. Food crops with harvested parts that touch the Class B Biosolids/soil mixture and are totally above the land surface shall not be harvested for 14 months after application of Biosolids.

b. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 20 months after application of Class B Biosolids when the Class B Biosolids remains on the land surface for four months or longer prior to incorporation into the soil.

c. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 38 months after application of Class B Biosolids when the Class B Biosolids remains on the land surface for less than four months prior to incorporation into the soil.

d. Food crops, feed crops, and fiber crops shall not be harvested for 30 days after application of Biosolids.

e. Turf grown on land where Class B Biosolids are applied shall not be harvested for one year after application of the Class B Biosolids when the harvested turf is placed on either land with a high potential for public exposure or a lawn, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

f. Animals shall not be grazed on the land for 30 days after application of Class B Biosolids.

g. Public access to land with a high potential for public exposure shall be restricted for one year after application of Class B Biosolids. Public access to land with a low potential for public exposure shall be restricted for 30 days after application of Class B Biosolids.

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i. Signs shall be posted at all entrances to the city of Abbeville Beneficial Use Class B Biosolids Land Application Site having at the minimum the following information:

- Name of Land Application Site or Facility
- Wording that indicates that the area is a Biosolids Land Application Site
- Emergency contact telephone numbers.

6. Odors

The production of odors at each of the City of Abbeville Beneficial Use Land Application site shall be controlled or minimized.

**F. Monitoring and Sampling & Analysis**1. Sampling & Analysis

a. The permittee shall sample and analyze representative samples of the **untreated** sewage sludge and of any material, except Agricultural Grade Lime, that is to be added, blended, or mixed with the sewage sludge during the preparation of the Class B Biosolids at the city of Abbeville's generation/preparation/treatment facility listed in Table I-1 of Part I of this permit for the parameters listed and at the frequency indicated in Table II-6 below.

Table II-6	
Raw Sewage Sludge and Materials <sup>11</sup> Added, Blended, or Mixed with the Sewage Sludge (Hazardous Characteristics Testing)	
Parameter	Sampling Frequency
<b>TCLP</b> Metals (As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Pb, Se, Ag) Hg Volatile Organics Semi-Volatile Organics Pesticides Herbicides	Once/Year
PCB (Total)	Once/Year

<sup>11</sup>Any material, except Agricultural Grade Lime, that is to be added, blended, or mixed with the sewage sludge must be sampled and tested prior to adding, blending, or mixing with the sewage sludge.

b. The permittee shall sample and analyze representative samples of the Class B Biosolids prepared by the city of Abbeville's generator/preparation/treatment facility listed in Table I-1 in Part I of this permit for the parameters listed in and at the frequency indicated in Table II-7 below prior to the land application of the Class B Biosolids:

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Table II-7		
Class-B Biosolids (Pollutants/Pathogen/Vector Attraction Reduction Testing)		
Outfall Number	Parameter(s)	Sampling Frequency
201	1. Pathogens 2. Arsenic 3. Cadmium 4. Copper 5. Lead 6. Mercury 7. Molybdenum 8. Nickel 9. Selenium 10. Zinc 11. pH 12. Total Solids	Once/Quarter (four times per year)

c. The permittee shall sample and analysis the soils at each of the City of Abbeville Beneficial Use Land Application sites listed in Table I-2 in Part I of this permit for the parameters listed in Table II-8:

TABLE II-8	
SOIL SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS	
PARAMETERS TO SAMPLE	SAMPLING FREQUENCY
1. Total Kjeldahl nitrogen 2. Total nitrates 3. Total nitrites 4. Total phosphorus 5. Total potassium 6. pH	Once/Year  Or  If double cropping is practiced, prior to the planting of each crop.

d. All samples and measurements taken for the purpose of laboratory analysis shall be representative of the monitored activity and shall be in accordance with the methods referenced in LAC 33:IX.7301.I.

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**G. Recordkeeping and Reporting****1. Recordkeeping**

a. The laboratory results for the parameters in Tables II-6, II-7 and II-8 of this permit shall be retained for the life of the permit.

b. The following information must be recorded for each land application event and the information retained indefinitely:

- The location, by physical address and latitude and longitude, of each site on which the bulk Class B Biosolids is applied.
- The number of acres (or hectares) in each site on which the bulk Class B Biosolids is applied.
- The date and time the bulk Class B Biosolids is applied to the land surface.
- The amount of bulk Class B Biosolids that is applied at each site on each day of application.
- The date and time the bulk Class B Biosolids is incorporated into the soil.

c. The permittee shall create and maintain records of monitoring and sampling and analysis information that shall include:

- the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
- the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- the date(s) analyses were performed;
- the individual(s) who performed the analysis;
- the analytical techniques or methods used; and,
- the results of such analysis.

**2. Reporting**

a. The permittee shall submit reports to the Administrative Authority as indicated below, by use of the forms specified by the Administrative Authority:

i. The annual amount of sewage sludge generated at the facility shall be reported on February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year.

ii. The annual amount of sewage sludge that is prepared into a Class B Biosolids shall be reported on February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year.

iii. The annual amount of Class B Biosolids that is land applied shall be reported on February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year.

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iv. For the parameters listed in Tables II-6 and II-8 of this permit, the reporting due date is as indicated in Table II-9 below:

Table II-9	
Reporting Land Application	
Monitoring Period (Once per Year)	Report Due Date
January - December	February 28

v. The following certification statements shall be a part of each report required in G.2.a.i - G.2.a.iv of Part II of this permit:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

vi. For the parameters listed in Tables II-7 of this permit, the reporting due date is as indicated in Table II-10 below:

Table II-10	
Reporting Land Application	
Monitoring Period (Once per Quarter)	Report Due Date
January, February, March	August 28
April, May, June	
July, August, September	February 28
October, November, December	
1 Separate reports must be submitted for each monitoring period.	

vii. The following certification statements shall be a part of each report required in G.2.a.vi of Part II of this permit:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there

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are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the information that will be used to determine compliance with the Class B pathogen requirements of E.2 of Part II of the permit and the vector attraction reduction requirements of E.3 of Part II of the permit was prepared under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system as described in the permit application, designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate this information. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the information that will be used to determine compliance with the General and Other Management Practices in E.4 of Part II of the permit and the Site Restrictions in E.5 of Part II of the permit was prepared for each site on which bulk Class B Biosolids are applied under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system as described in the permit application, designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate this information. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

b. If the permittee monitors any pollutant, in accordance with applicable test procedures specified in this permit, more frequently than required by the permit, then the results of this monitoring shall be reported to the Administrative Authority on the forms specified by the Administrative Authority.

**H. Storage of Sewage Sludge**

1. The storage of sewage sludge shall not exceed a period of six consecutive months unless notification is submitted to the administrative authority in the form of a demonstration that includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- the name and address of the person who prepared the sewage sludge into the Class B Biosolids;
- the name and address of the person who either owns or leases the land where the sewage sludge or Class B Biosolids are to be stored, if different from the person who prepared the sewage sludge;
- the location, by either street address or latitude and longitude, of the land where the sewage sludge or Class B Biosolids are to be stored;
- an explanation of why the sewage sludge or Class B Biosolids needs to remain on the land;
- an explanation of why human health and the environment will not be affected;
- the approximate date and length of time the sewage sludge or Class B Biosolids will be stored on the land; and
- the final use and disposal method after the storage period has expired.

2. The request for an extension for storage for greater than six months must be submitted in writing to the Office of Environmental Services at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the first six-month storage period.



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3. The storage period shall not extend for greater than six months until the administrative authority has made and issued a determination to grant or deny the request for the storage of sewage sludge beyond the original six month storage period.

**I. Procedure for the Addition or Removal of Land Application Sites**

1. To add a land application site or sites to the permit, a request package containing the information that follows shall be submitted to the administrative authority:

- evidence of notification of the landowners bordering the proposed land application site or sites. The notification shall be in the form of a public notice placed in the local newspaper being circulated in the area of the proposed site or sites, certified letters of notification that were either hand delivered or mailed to the landowners bordering the proposed site or sites, or signed agreements of the landowners bordering the proposed site or sites to application of Biosolids to the site or sites;
- signed agreement(s) to the land application of Biosolids from the landowner(s) of the proposed site or sites; and,
- a completed Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application form.

2. To remove a land application site or sites from the permit, the person shall submit a request package to the administrative authority at least 90 days prior to the removal of the site or sites containing the following information:

- aerial photographs showing the location of the land application site or sites that are being proposed to be removed;
- certification that all Biosolids that were stored at the site or sites have either been land applied in accordance with the permit requirements or totally removed and used at another site in accordance with the permit requirements or removed and disposed at a permitted landfill; and,
- signed agreements from the landowner(s) of the site or sites for the site or sites to be removed from the land application of Biosolids.

3. After receipt and review of the request package required in Paragraph I.1 for the addition of a land application site or sites or the request package required in Paragraph I.2 for the removal of a land application site or sites, a decision shall be rendered by the administrative authority regarding the request.

**J. Certification Requirements**

1. Either (a) the permittee who was employed at the facility described in Part I of this permit on or after November 20, 2007 or (b) at least one of the employees who became employed at the facility describe in Part I of this permit on or after November 20, 2007 and are under the supervision of the permittee shall obtain, at a minimum, a Class III Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification.

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2. If the permittee or the employees under the supervision of the permittee of the facility described in Part I of the permit (a) does not presently possess the minimum Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification indicated above and (b) was employed before November 20, 2007, the requirement in Number J.1 above does not apply.
3. If the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (LDHH) requires a class level for Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification higher than the class level indicated in J.1 above, the class level indicated in J.1 above shall be superseded by the LDHH requirement and the permittee shall abide by the LDHH requirement.
4. To maintain certification, a minimum of 16 contact hours of continuous education are required for each certificate held during the previous two-year certification period. Classes, seminars, conferences, or conventions used for units shall be approved by the administrative authority.

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### **Part III**

#### **Standard Conditions Applicable to All Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Use or Disposal Permits**

##### **A. Duty to Comply**

1. Authorization to prepare sewage sludge and any other material prepared with sewage sludge pursuant to the conditions of this permit does not relieve the permittee of any liability for damages to private property.
2. The permittee shall comply with all conditions in this permit. Failure to comply with this permit constitutes a violation of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, as amended (La. R. S. 30:2001 et seq.) and is grounds for an enforcement action or for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of the permit.
3. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any sludge use or disposal practice which violates this permit and which also has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
4. The permittee shall properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control, with all related appurtenances, including adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures, which have been installed or used by the permittee for the purpose of achieving compliance with the conditions of this permit. The permittee shall also properly operate and maintain backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems when their operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

##### **B. Permit Actions**

1. The Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to modify, revoke, and reissue this permit to conform to any applicable sludge use or disposal standard, promulgated under the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, as amended (La. R. S. 30:2001 et seq.) or under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act, which is more stringent than any limitation on the affected sludge pollutant or acceptable use or disposal practice authorized in this permit, or which controls a pollutant or use or disposal practice not limited in this permit.
2. This permit may be modified or revoked and reissued where there are material and substantial alterations or additions to the permitted facility or activity, including a change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and which justify different or additional permit conditions.
3. The permittee shall give prior notice to Administrative Authority of any planned changes in the sewage sludge disposal practice. These changes may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit.

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4. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause.

5. This permit may be modified or revoked and reissued to conform to any applicable sewage sludge and Biosolids use or disposal standard, promulgated under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in particular Section 2074(B)(3) and (B)(4), or issued or approved under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act which is more stringent than any limitations on the affected sewage sludge pollutant or acceptable management practices authorized under this permit, or which controls a pollutant or practice not limited in this permit.

6. This permit may be modified or revoked and reissued where there are material and substantial alterations or additions to the permitted facility or activity, including a change in the permittee's sewage sludge or Biosolids use or disposal practices, and which justify different or additional permit conditions.

7. This permit may be revoked and reissued due to changes in the permitted facility or activity, planned by the permittee, which may result in the failure to comply with permit requirements.

8. The permittee may transfer this permit to a new owner or operator if the permit has been either modified or revoked and reissued to identify the new permittee and to incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary to assure compliance with the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act.

9. The permittee, upon prior authorization of the permitting authority, may transfer this permit to a new permittee if the following conditions have been met:

- The permittee notifies the permitting authority of the proposed transfer date at least thirty (30) days in advance;
- The notice includes a written agreement between the permittee and the proposed new permittee(s) which contains a date for transfer of permit responsibility,
- coverage, and liability; and,
- The permittee does not receive notification from the permitting authority that it will exercise its discretion to modify or revoke and reissue the permit. Under this circumstance, the permit transfer is effective on the date specified in the written agreement.

10. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, does not justify the failure to comply with any permit condition.

11. The filing by the permittee of a notification of planned changes or of anticipated noncompliance does not justify the failure to comply with any permit condition.

12. The permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit within one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of this permit in order to continue an activity regulated hereunder.

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13. The permittee shall submit a new application at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing permit, unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Administrative Authority. In no case may permission be granted to submit a new application later than the expiration date of the existing permit.

14. Provisions of this permit may be appealed in writing pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2024(A) within thirty (30) days from receipt of the permit. Only those provisions specifically appealed will be suspended by a request for hearing unless the Secretary or Assistant Secretary elects to suspend other provisions as well.

C. Proper Operation and Maintenance

1. Need to Halt or Reduce not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

2. Duty to Mitigate

The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any sewage sludge use or disposal practice in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. The permittee shall also take all reasonable steps to minimize or correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from noncompliance with the permit, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the non-complying practice.

3. Proper Operation and Maintenance

- a. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.
- b. The permittee shall provide an adequate operating staff which is duly qualified to carry out operation, maintenance and other functions necessary to ensure compliance with the conditions of this permit.

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**D. Laboratory Accreditation**

1. LAC 33:I.Subpart 3, Chapters 45-59 provide requirements for an accreditation program specifically applicable to commercial laboratories, wherever located, that provide chemical analyses, analytical results, or other test data.
2. Laboratory data generated by commercial environmental laboratories that are not accredited under these regulations will not be accepted by the department. Retesting of analysis will be required by an accredited commercial laboratory.
3. Where retesting is not possible, the data generated will be considered invalid and in violation of the LPDES permit.
4. Regulations on the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program and a list of labs that have applied for accreditation are available on the department website located at:  
  
<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/72/Default.aspx>
5. Questions concerning the program may be directed to (225) 219-9800.

**E. Inspections and Information**

1. The permittee shall furnish to the permitting authority, within a reasonable time, any information requested for the purposes of determining compliance with the permit or determining whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit. The permittee shall also furnish, upon request of the permitting authority, copies of any records required to be kept under the conditions of this permit.
2. The permittee shall allow a properly credentialed representative of the administrative authority to perform the following functions:
  - Enter the permittee's premises where a regulated facility is located, where a regulated activity is being conducted, or where records are required to be kept under the conditions of this permit.
  - At reasonable times, have access to and copy any records required to be kept under the conditions of this permit.
  - At reasonable times, inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations either regulated or required under this permit. (4) At reasonable times, sample and monitor any substances, parameters or practices at any location, either for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the regulations at LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73 for Sewage Sludge Use or Disposal.

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F. Compliance Schedules

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of a permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.

G. Anticipated Noncompliance

The permittee shall give advance notice to the state administrative authority of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

H. Other Noncompliance

The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance, not reported under F and G above, at the time monitoring reports are submitted.

I. Additional Notification

1. The permittee shall notify the administrative authority 30 days prior to any planned alteration or addition to the permitted facility which results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, where such alteration, addition or change may justify different or additional permit conditions. The permittee shall also notify the permitting authority 30 days prior to any additional use or disposal sites not previously reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application site.
2. The permittee shall notify the permitting authority 30 days prior to any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in the permittee's failure to comply with permit requirements.
3. The permittee shall promptly submit to the permitting authority any relevant facts or information where the permittee becomes aware of its failure to have previously submitted such information or to have previously submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report.
4. The permittee shall report to the permitting authority all instances of its failure to comply with the conditions of this permit. Reports of the permittee's failure to comply shall be submitted with the permittee's next self monitoring report or earlier, if requested by the permitting authority or if required by an applicable sludge use or disposal standard or permit conditions.

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J. Signatory Requirements

## 1. Reports:

All notifications of intent, notices of termination, reports, certifications or information either submitted to the Administrative Authority, or that this permit requires be maintained by the permittee, shall be signed as follows:

- For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this permit, a responsible corporate officer means: (a) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (b) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25,000,000 (in second-quarter 1980 dollars) if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;
- For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
- For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (a) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (b) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency.

## 2. Authorized Representative:

- All reports required by the permit and other information requested by the Administrative Authority shall be signed by a person described in A. above or be signed by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
- The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and submitted to the Administrative Authority.
- The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of manager, operator, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position).



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## 3. Changes to Authorization:

If an authorization under Number 2 above, is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a notification satisfying the requirements of this Section must be submitted to the Administrative Authority prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.

K. Certification

Any person signing documents under this section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

L. Recordkeeping

1. The permittee shall retain records of all data used to complete the application for this permit for a period of at least five years, unless required by LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73 to be retained for a longer period.
2. The permittee shall retain all records of monitoring information required by this permit, related to the permittee's sludge generation, treatment, use and disposal activities, for a period of at least five years from the date of the sample or measurement, unless required by LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73 to be retained for a longer period.
3. The permittee shall retain copies of all reports required by this permit for a period of at least five years from the date of the report, unless required by LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73 to be retained for a longer period.
4. At any time upon the request of the permitting authority, the period required for retention of records and reports may be extended.
5. All reports and information submitted to the administrative authority shall be signed and certified by the following individual, as appropriate; by a responsible corporate officer; by a general partner or the proprietor; by the principle executive office or ranking public official of a municipality, State, federal or other public agency; or by a duly authorized representative.

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**M. Availability of Records**

All recorded information (completed permit application forms, fact sheets, draft permits, reporting forms or any public document) not classified as confidential information under R.S. 30:2030(A) and 30:2074(D) and designated as such in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2323.A & .C and LAC 33:IX.6503 shall be made available by the Department to the public for inspection and copying during normal working hours in accordance with the Public Records Act, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

**N. Claims of Confidentiality**

- Claims of confidentiality for the following will be denied:
- The name and address of any permit applicant or permittee;
- Permit applications, permits, and effluent data; and,
- Information required by the Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Use or Disposal Permit application forms provided by the state administrative authority may not be claimed confidential. This includes information submitted on the forms themselves and any attachments used to supply information required by the forms.

**O. Enforcement Actions**

The Department may take enforcement action as prescribed by state law or regulation against any person who fails to comply with any condition of the permit or with the Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge regulations (LAC 33:IX.Chapter 73).

**P. State Laws**

Nothing in an issued permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law or regulation.

**Q. Addresses**

All Permit Renewals, Notices of Changes of Owner or Operator, Notices of Violations, Notices of Termination, or Changes to Authorizations are to be sent to the following address:

Cheryl Sonnier Nolan  
Assistant Secretary  
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Environmental Services  
P.O. Box 4313  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

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Part IV

## Definitions

A. General Definitions

*Administrative Authority* – the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee or the appropriate assistant secretary or his designee.

*Air Operations Area* – Any area of an airport used or intended to be used for landing, takeoff, or surface maneuvering of aircraft. An air operations area includes such paved areas or unpaved areas that are used or intended to be used for the unobstructed movement of aircraft in addition to its associated runway, taxiways, or apron.

*Apply Biosolids or Biosolids Applied to the Land*—land application of Biosolids.

*Base Flood*—a flood that has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year (i.e., a flood with a magnitude equaled once in 100 years).

*Beneficial Use*—using Biosolids for the purpose of soil conditioning or crop or vegetative fertilization in a manner that does not pose adverse effects upon human health and the environment or cause any deterioration of land surfaces, soils, surface waters, or groundwater.

*Biosolids*—sewage sludge, or material derived from sewage sludge, that is nonhazardous, has a PCB concentration of less than 50 mg/kg of total solids (dry weight), and is prepared to meet one of the pollutant requirements of LAC 33:IX.7303.E, one of the pathogen requirements in LAC 33:IX.7309.C, and one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in LAC 33:IX.7309.D.

*Bulk Biosolids*—Biosolids that is not sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.

*Class B Biosolids*— *Biosolids* that do not meet one or more of the following requirements:

1. the pollutant concentrations in Table 3 of LAC 33:IX.7303.E;
2. the pathogen requirements in LAC 33:IX.7309.C.1;
3. one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in LAC 33:IX.7309.D.2.a-e; and/or
4. a PCB concentration of less than 10 mg/kg of total solids (dry weight basis).

*Class 1 Sludge Management Facility*—for the purpose of this Chapter:

1. any *Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)* or *Privately Owned Sanitary Wastewater Treatment Facility (POSWTF)* or system, regardless of ownership, used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage;
2. the person who prepares sewage sludge or a material derived from sewage sludge, including commercial preparers of sewage sludge;
3. the owner/operator of a sewage sludge incinerator; and
4. the person who applies sewage sludge or a material derived from sewage sludge to the land (includes commercial land applicers of sewage sludge).

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*Commercial Preparer of Sewage Sludge*—any person who prepares sewage sludge for monetary profit or other financial consideration and either the person is not the generator of the sewage sludge or the sewage sludge was obtained from a facility or facilities not owned by or associated with the person.

*Commercial Land Applier of Biosolids*—any person who applies Biosolids to the land for monetary profit or other financial consideration and the Biosolids were obtained from a facility or facilities not owned by or associated with the person.

*Contaminate an aquifer*- to introduce a substance that causes the maximum contaminant level for nitrate in 40 CFR 141.62(b) to be exceeded in the ground water or that causes the existing concentration of nitrate in ground water to increase when the existing concentration of nitrate in the ground water exceeds the maximum contaminant level for nitrate in 40 CFR 141.62(b).

*Cover Crop*—a small grain crop, such as oats, wheat, or barley, not grown for harvest.

*Domestic Septage*—either liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, portable toilet, Type III marine sanitation device, or similar treatment works that receives only domestic sewage. Domestic septage does not include liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, or similar treatment works that receives either commercial wastewater or industrial wastewater and does not include grease removed from a grease trap at a restaurant.

*Domestic Sewage*—waste and wastewater from humans or household operations that is discharged to or otherwise enters a treatment works.

*Dry Weight Basis*—calculated on the basis of having been dried at 105°C until reaching a constant mass (i.e., essentially 100 percent solids content).

*Exceptional Quality Biosolids*—Biosolids that meets the ceiling concentrations in Table 1 of LAC 33:IX.7303.E, the pollutant concentrations in Table 3 of LAC 33:IX.7303.E, the pathogen requirements in LAC 33:IX.7309.C.1, one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in LAC 33:IX.7309.D.2.a-e, and the concentration of PCBs of less than 10 mg/kg of total solids (dry weight).

*Feed Crops*—crops produced primarily for consumption by animals.

*Feedstock*—primarily biologically decomposable organic material that is blended, mixed, or composted with sewage sludge.

*Fiber Crops*—crops such as flax and cotton.

*Food Crops*—crops consumed by humans. These include, but are not limited to, fruits, vegetables, and tobacco.

*Food Service Facility* - any facility which prepares and/or packages food or beverages for sale or consumption, on or off site, with the exception of private residences. *Food service facilities* shall include, but are not limited to: food courts, food manufacturers, food packagers, restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries, lounges, hospitals, hotels, nursing homes, churches, schools and all other food service facilities not listed above.

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*Grease* - a material either liquid or solid, composed primarily of fat, oil, or grease from animal or vegetable sources. The terms *fats oils and grease*, *oil and grease* and *oil and grease substances* shall all be included within this definition.

*Groundwater*—water below the land surface in the saturated zone.

*Industrial Park* - an area that is legally zoned for the purpose of the construction and operation of a group of industries and businesses and entered as legally zoned for such purpose in the public records of the state, parish, city, town, or community where the park is located.

*Industrial Wastewater*—wastewater generated in a commercial or industrial process.

*Land Application*—the beneficial use of sewage sludge, a material derived from sewage sludge, or domestic septage by either spraying or spreading onto the land surface, injection below the land surface, or incorporation into the soil.

*Other Container*—either an open or closed receptacle. This includes, but is not limited to, a bucket, a box, a carton, and a vehicle or trailer with a load capacity of one metric ton or less.

*Permitting Authority*—either EPA or a state with an EPA-approved sludge management program.

*Person Who Prepares Sewage Sludge*—the person who generates sewage sludge during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works, the person who treats sewage sludge, or the person who derives a material from sewage sludge.

*Pollutant*—an organic substance, an inorganic substance, a combination of organic and inorganic substances, or a pathogenic organism that, after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into an organism either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through the food chain, could, on the basis of information available to the administrative authority, cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions (including malfunction in reproduction), or physical deformations in either organisms or offspring of the organisms.

*Pollutant Limit*—a numerical value that describes the amount of a pollutant allowed per unit amount of sewage sludge (e.g., milligrams per kilogram of total solids); the amount of a pollutant that can be applied to a unit area of land (e.g., kilograms per hectare); or the volume of a material that can be applied to a unit area of land (e.g., gallons per acre).

*Private Land Applier* – the person who land applies sewage sludge or a material derived from sewage sludge for private benefit purposes and the land application is not for monetary profit or other financial consideration and either the person did not generate or prepare the sewage sludge or a material derived from sewage sludge or the facility or facilities where the sewage sludge or a material derived from sewage sludge was obtained is not owned by or associated with the private land applier.

*Privately Owned Sanitary Wastewater Treatment Facility (POSWTF)* – a privately owned treatment works that is utilized to treat sanitary wastewater and is not a *Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)*.

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*Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)* - a treatment works, as defined by Section 212 of the Clean Water Act, that is owned by a state or municipality [as defined by Section 502(4) of the Clean Water Act]. This includes any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It includes sewers, pipes, and other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a *POTW*; and the municipality [as defined by Section 502(4) of the Clean Water Act] that has jurisdiction over the indirect discharges to and the discharges from such a treatment works.

*Pumper of Sewage Sludge*—a person who removes sludge from a sanitary wastewater treatment facility; domestic septage from a residential septic tank, mechanical treatment plant, or dump station for recreational vehicles and watercrafts or vessels; residuals from a portable toilet; or grease from a food service facility that is mixed with sewage sludge.

*Qualified ground-water scientist*—an individual with a baccalaureate or post-graduate degree in the natural sciences or engineering who has sufficient training and experience in ground-water hydrology, subsurface geology, and/or related fields, as may be demonstrated by state registration, professional certification, or completion of accredited university programs, to make sound professional judgments regarding ground-water monitoring, pollutant fate and transport, and corrective action.

*Runoff*—rainwater, leachate, or other liquid that drains overland on any part of a land surface and runs off of the land surface.

*Sewage Sludge* – any solid, semisolid, or liquid residue removed during the treatment of municipal wastewater or domestic sewage. *Sewage Sludge* includes, but is not limited to, solids removed during primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment, scum, *Domestic Septage*, portable toilet pumpings, type III marine sanitation device pumpings (33 CFR Part 159), and sewage sludge products. *Sewage Sludge* does not include grit or screenings, or ash generated during the incineration of sewage sludge.

*Surface Disposal*—the use or disposal of sewage sludge that does not meet the criteria of *land application* as defined in this Subsection. This may include, but is not limited to, ponds, lagoons, sewage sludge only landfills (monofills), or landfarms.

*Supplements*—for the purpose of this Chapter, materials blended, composted, or mixed with sewage sludge or other feedstock and sewage sludge in order to raise the moisture level and/or to adjust the carbon to nitrogen ratio, and materials added during composting or to compost to provide attributes required by customers for certain compost products.

*To Store, or Storage of, Sewage Sludge*—the temporary placement of sewage sludge on land.

*To Treat, or Treatment of, Sewage Sludge*—the preparation of sewage sludge for final use or disposal. This includes, but is not limited to, blending, mixing, composting, thickening, stabilization, and dewatering & solidification of sewage sludge. This does not include storage of sewage sludge.

*Transporter of Sewage Sludge* – any person who moves sewage sludge off-site or moves sewage sludge to a storage site, treatment or processing site, disposal site or land application site.

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*Treatment Works*—either a federally owned, publicly owned, or privately owned device or system used to treat (including recycle and reclaim) either domestic sewage or a combination of domestic sewage and industrial waste of a liquid nature.

### B. Specific Definitions – Land Application

*Agricultural Land*—land on which a food crop, a feed crop, or a fiber crop is grown. This includes range land and land used as pasture.

*Agronomic Rate*—

- a. the whole Biosolids application rate (dry weight basis) designed:
  - i. to provide the amount of nitrogen needed by the food crop, feed crop, fiber crop, cover crop, or vegetation grown on the land; and
  - ii. to minimize the amount of nitrogen in the Biosolids that are not utilized by the crop or vegetation grown on the land and either passes below the root zone to the groundwater or gets into surface waters during storm events;
- b. agronomic rate may be extended to include phosphorus to application sites that are located within the drainage basin of water bodies that have been determined by the administrative authority to be impaired by phosphorus

*Annual Pollutant Loading Rate*—the maximum amount of a pollutant that can be applied to a unit area of land during a 365-day period.

*Annual Whole Biosolids Application Rate*—the maximum amount of Biosolids (dry weight basis) that can be applied to a unit area of land during a 365-day period.

*Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate*—the maximum amount of an inorganic pollutant that can be applied to an area of land.

*Forest*—a tract of land thick with trees and underbrush.

*Monthly Average*—the arithmetic mean of all measurements taken during the month.

*Pasture*—land on which animals feed directly on feed crops such as legumes, grasses, grain stubble, or stover.

*Public Contact Site*—land with a high potential for contact by the public. This includes, but is not limited to, public parks, ball fields, cemeteries, plant nurseries, turf farms, and golf courses.

*Range Land*—open land with indigenous vegetation.

*Reclamation Site*—drastically disturbed land that is reclaimed using sewage sludge. This includes, but is not limited to, strip mines and construction sites.

### C. Specific Definitions- Pathogens and Vector Attraction Reduction

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*Aerobic Digestion*—the biochemical decomposition of organic matter in sewage sludge into carbon dioxide and water by microorganisms in the presence of air.

*Anaerobic Digestion*—the biochemical decomposition of organic matter in sewage sludge into methane gas and carbon dioxide by microorganisms in the absence of air.

*Density of Microorganisms*—the number of microorganisms per unit mass of total solids (dry weight) in the sewage sludge.

*Land with a High Potential for Public Exposure*—land that the public uses frequently. This includes, but is not limited to, a public contact site and a reclamation site located in a populated area (e.g., a construction site located in a city).

*Land with a Low Potential for Public Exposure*—land that the public uses infrequently. This includes, but is not limited to, agricultural land, forest, and a reclamation site located in an unpopulated area (e.g., a strip mine located in a rural area).

*Pathogenic Organisms*—disease-causing organisms. These include, but are not limited to, certain bacteria, protozoa, viruses, and viable helminth ova.

*PH*—the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration measured at 25°C or measured at another temperature and then converted to an equivalent value at 25°C.

*Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate (SOUR)*—the mass of oxygen consumed per unit time per unit mass of total solids (dry weight basis) in the sewage sludge.

*Total Solids*—the materials in sewage sludge that remain as residue when the sewage sludge is dried to a constant weight at 103° to 105°C.

*Unstabilized Solids*—organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or anaerobic treatment process.

*Vector Attraction*—the characteristic of sewage sludge that attracts rodents, flies, mosquitoes, or other organisms capable of transporting infectious agents.

*Volatile Solids*—the amount of the total solids in sewage sludge lost when the sewage sludge is combusted at 550°C in the presence of excess air.

#### D. Specific Definitions – Incineration

*Air Pollution Control Device*—one or more processes used to treat the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack.

*Auxiliary Fuel*—fuel used to augment the fuel value of sewage sludge. This includes, but is not limited to, natural gas, fuel oil, coal, gas generated during anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge, and municipal solid waste (not to exceed 30 percent of the dry weight of sewage sludge and auxiliary fuel together). Hazardous wastes are not auxiliary fuel.

*Average Daily Concentration*—the arithmetic mean of the concentration of a pollutant in milligrams per kilogram of sewage sludge (dry weight basis) in the samples collected and analyzed in a month.



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*Control Efficiency*—the mass of a pollutant in the sewage sludge fed to an incinerator minus the mass of that pollutant in the exit gas from the incinerator stack divided by the mass of the pollutant in the sewage sludge fed to the incinerator.

*Dispersion Factor*—the ratio of the increase in the ground level ambient air concentration for a pollutant at or beyond the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerator is located to the mass emission rate for the pollutant from the incinerator stack.

*Fluidized Bed Incinerator*—an enclosed device in which organic matter and inorganic matter in sewage sludge are combusted in a bed of particles suspended in the combustion chamber gas.

*Hourly Average*—the arithmetic mean of all measurements, taken during an hour. At least two measurements must be taken during the hour.

*Incineration*—the combustion of organic matter and inorganic matter in sewage sludge by high temperatures in an enclosed device.

*Incinerator Operating Combustion Temperature*—the arithmetic mean of the temperature readings in the hottest zone of the furnace recorded in a day (24 hours) when the temperature is averaged and recorded at least hourly during the hours the incinerator operates in a day.

*Monthly Average*—the arithmetic mean of the hourly averages for the hours a sewage sludge incinerator operates during the month.

*Performance Test Combustion Temperature*—the arithmetic mean of the average combustion temperature in the hottest zone of the furnace for each of the runs in a performance test.

*Risk Specific Concentration*—the allowable increase in the average daily ground level ambient air concentration for a pollutant from the incineration of sewage sludge at or beyond the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerator is located.

*Sewage Sludge Feed Rate*—either the average daily amount of sewage sludge fired in all sewage sludge incinerators within the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerators are located for the number of days in a 365-day period that each sewage sludge incinerator operates, or the average daily design capacity for all sewage sludge incinerators within the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerators are located.

*Sewage Sludge Incinerator*—an enclosed device in which only sewage sludge or sewage sludge and auxiliary fuel are fired.

*Stack Height*—the difference between the elevation of the top of a sewage sludge incinerator stack and the elevation of the ground at the base of the stack when the difference is equal to or less than 214 feet (65 meters). When the difference is greater than 214 feet (65 meters), stack height is the creditable stack height determined in accordance with LAC 33:III.921.

*Standard*—a standard of performance proposed or promulgated under this Chapter.

*Stationary Source*—any building, structure, facility, or installation that emits or may emit any air pollutant.

*Total Hydrocarbons*—the organic compounds in the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack measured using a flame ionization detection instrument referenced to propane.

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*Wet Electrostatic Precipitator*—an air pollution control device that uses both electrical forces and water to remove pollutants in the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack.

*Wet Scrubber*—an air pollution control device that uses water to remove pollutants in the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack.